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Turner Superspy Role Looks Good on the Hill

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Washington (News Bureau) — President Carter's plan to turn CIA Director Adm. Stansfield Turner into the nation's superspy, with control over the budgets of all U.S. intelligence agencies, won guarded approval on Capitol Hill yesterday.

Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii), chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said that he was "very pleased . . . but would not want to silence the various voices" in the intelligence community.

Over the years, Pentagon intelligence analysts and CIA experts have sometimes differed, particularly over Soviet military capabilities. Under the new program, Turner theoretically could slash the budget requests of competing Pentagon agencies. All agencies could appeal any cuts to the President, though.

White House officials emphasized that Turner would not be an intelligence "czar," and that the President would continue to receive competing views.

As a Senator Sees It

Sen. Jake Garn (R-Utah), a member of the Senate intelligence panel, said that "the over-all goal is to coordinate the activities, eliminate any possibility for abuse, and make sure the intelligence product is usable."

It was not immediately clear, though, if the establishment of still more intelligence committees to "coordinate" the nation's spy forces on land and satellites in the sky would provide better intelligence.

A key weakness of intelligence gathering, exposed by the House Intelligence Committee, headed by Rep. Otis G. Pike (D-N.Y.), was that top State Department and White House analysts sometimes misinterpreted the information received.

Invariably, data on such matters as



Adm. Stansfield Turner
He gains in Carter plan

whether or not a new Mideast war will break out, is conflicting and the men at the top must make the final judgment. The same men — the President and several cabinet officers — will continue to make the decisions.

One result of Turner's new control of the pursestrings might be a study of all intelligence agencies with an eye towards cutbacks. The Pentagon, for example, has six times as many spies as

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